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## David H. Wells, 72

David H. Wells of Duxbury died suddenly on Oct. 14. He was 72.

Born in Worcester and raised in Southbridge, he was the son of the late Turner and Celia K. Wells of Boston.

Mr. Wells was the father of Mason and his wife Kathryn of New Canaan, Conn., Selden Tearse and her husband David of Duxbury, and Squire and his wife Meggan of Florida; step-father of Paul R. Stahl of Riverside, Conn., Melinda Stahl and Jennifer Whittington both of Pasadena, Calif., and H. James Stahl of N.Y. He was the grandfather of George, Squire, Elizabeth, Ryder, Béla, Chase, Whit, Charlie, Channing, Esmé and Jack. He was the brother of the late Janet Sherwin of Bedford, N.Y., and Thomas Wells of N.Y.

His family were principals of The American Optical Company in Southbridge, and founders of Old Sturbridge Village, the living history museum of the early 19th century, located in Sturbridge.

Mr. Wells attended the Fessenden School, Middlesex School, Cornell's School of Hotel Administration and

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Harvard College, where he graduated with the class of 1955. He was a member of the Owl Club and the Hasty Pudding Club. As a young man, he summered on Martha's Vineyard, and later in life spent a great deal of time on Vinalhaven in Maine.

His life's work was based in the culinary arts, which he approached with both determination in mastering his trade, and a great and memorable sense of humor. In the Boston area, he was a well-known chef, restaurateur, and cable-television persona. In the 1970s, he owned and operated both the Fiddler's Green Restaurant and the Winsor House in Duxbury. He also owned Fiddler's at the Granary in Hingham. He held management positions at the Ritz-Carlton and Locke-Ober restaurants in Boston, and the Dedham Country & Polo Club in Dedham. More recently, David hosted his own cable cooking show, "The Masters Cooking Show," and wrote a column for the Duxbury



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Clipper, titled "Home on the Range."

All are welcome to attend a celebration of his life to be held at the First Parish Church, 842 Tremont Street, in Duxbury, at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 21. There are no visiting hours and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to Duxbury Bay Maritime School, P.O. Box 263A, Duxbury, MA 02331.

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